

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for and after training perform tasks such as answering fire department emergency telephones, controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class report to and are supervised by a Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, or the ranking officer left in charge.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group, or if qualified, as an instructor.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines, ventilating buildings, and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

When qualified, administers first aid to victims of fire and accident either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, or related duties.

Answers fire department emergency telephones and takes all necessary information to direct department employees to the emergency scene; performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department, conducting station tours for individuals or civic groups, or related duties.

Performs fire prevention or fire inspection tasks such as

inspecting fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, or portable fire extinguishers, studying the district to become familiar with the location of fire plugs or water lines, interpreting or enforcing fire laws, ordinances, and regulations, and related duties.

When qualified, drives fire equipment to and from fire; operates fire equipment at fire scene.

Performs related fire department duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before admission to examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must be not less than 18 years of age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the State of Louisiana.

Within working test period, probational Firefighter/Operator must obtain Emergency Medical Technician-basic and pass national registry. The employee must maintain Emergency Medical Technician at least at the basic level while working in this class.

Within working test period, probational Firefighter/Operator must obtain LSU certified Firefighter I and Firefighter II.

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